

**Policy Update:
Congress Increases Funding for Adult Education
and Literacy**

The bill also includes language-restoring Ability to Benefit provision under federal regulations.

This provision allows financial aid eligibility for students without high school diplomas enrolled in career pathway programs at community colleges. It applies to students enrolled in an eligible program of study on or after July 1, 2014.

When the new Congress reconvenes in January, Republicans will control both Houses of Congress. Rep. John Kline (MN) will continue to chair the House Education and Workforce Committee and Sen. Lamar Alexander (TN) will be the new Chairman of the Senate HELP Committee, which has jurisdiction over education initiatives.